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30. The additive system of claim 24 further comprising at least one polymerization adjuvant, wherein the polymerization adjuvant is selected from the group consisting of defoamers, level agents, antioxidants, plasticizers, emulsion stabilizers, protective colloids, biocides, defoamers, and combinations thereof.

31. The additive system of claim 24, further comprising one or more other ingredients commonly used in matrix resin blends, wherein the one or more other ingredients are selected from the group consisting of plasticizers, a UV stabilizers, lubricants, waxes, pigments, toners, rheology modifiers, flame retardants, thermal stabilizers, antioxidants, fillers, mold release agents, hollow spheres, and combinations thereof. --

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 17 as originally filed are currently pending in the present application. Claims 18 to 31 are being added herewith in this preliminary amendment. Claims 18 to 31 are supported in the original disclosure as follows:

Claim 18 has support in the specification according to claim 1 as well as the detailed description on page 17, line 7 to page 19, line 6 which describes that the polymeric additives may be processing aids.

Claim 19 has support in the specification according to claim 1, the detailed description on page 17, line 7 to page 19, line 6, specifically page 17, lines 17-22.

Claim 20 has support in the specification according to claim 1, the detailed description on page 17, line 7 to page 19, line 6, specifically page 17, lines 17-27.

Claim 21 has support in the specification according to claim 1, the detailed description on page 17, line 7 to page 19, line 6, specifically page 18, lines 24-28.

Claim 22 has support in the specification according to claim 1 and the detailed description on page 17, line 7 to page 19, line 6, specifically page 18, lines 29-31.

Claim 23 has support in the specification according to claim 1, the detailed description on page 17, line 7 to page 19, line 6, and page 13, lines 13-18.

Claim 24 has support in the specification according to claim 1 and the detailed description on page 13, line 19 to page 17, line 6 which describes that the polymeric additives may be AIM or MBS impact modifiers. Claim 24 is also supported by claim 17 which describes that the matrix resin may comprise polymerized units of vinyl chloride.

Claim 25 has support in the specification according to claims 1 and 17, the detailed description on page 13, line 19 to page 17, line 6, and page 10, lines 1-11.

Claim 26 has support in the specification according to claims 1 and 17, the detailed description on page 13, line 19 to page 17, line 6, and page 10, lines 1-11.

Claim 27 has support in the specification according to claims 1 and 17, the detailed description on page 13, line 19 to page 17, line 6 (describing AIM impact modifiers), and page 15, line 18 to page 17, line 6 (describing MBS impact modifiers).

Claim 28 has support in the specification according to claims 1 and 17, the detailed description on page 13, line 19 to page 17, line 6, and in Examples 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g, 1h in Table 1

Claim 29 has support in the specification according to claims 1 and 17, the detailed description on page 13, line 19 to page 17, line 6, and page 13, lines 4-12.

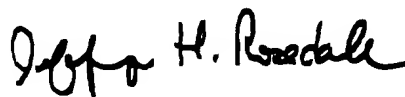
Claim 30 has support in the specification according to claims 1 and 17, the detailed description on page 13, line 19 to page 17, line 6, and page 12, line 20 to page 13, line 3.

Claim 31 has support in the specification according to claims 1 and 17, the detailed description on page 13, line 19 to page 17, line 6, and page 13, lines 13-18.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amended claims 18 to 31 as set forth above.

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